

GENERAL REINSURANCE CORPORATION

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November 4, 1970

Mr. O. A. Strassburg
Casualty Department
Johnson and Higgins
95 Wall Street
New York, New York 10005

Re: Policy No.: 3731
Various Plaintiffs vs.
The Anaconda Company

Dear Mr. Strassburg:

We have for acknowledgement your letter of October 19, 1970 enclosing copies of suit papers served on the Insured arising out of alleged ecological damage to these various claimants by the Insured's activities in the State of Montana. It appears that to date the total of suits is 29.

These complaints variously allege damage to trees and other vegetation, to animals and to natural beauty and there are allegations of personal injury connected therewith. This type of damage and the allegations of willful and intentional acts raise questions of coverage, as you are well aware. In addition the complaints place most of the damage as having occurred subsequent to October 1, 1968, whereas our excess coverage expired effective October 19, 1968.

The Travelers Insurance Company is reported to be the primary carrier and the Home Insurance Company is on the layer underlying our own. We are desirous of knowing the position being taken by the Travelers and the Home and we would appreciate your intervention in getting us this information at your earliest convenience. If letters have been written, either denying coverage or reserving rates, we would appreciate receiving copies of the correspondence.

Very truly yours,


Joseph C. Hagner

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